

# The Unsure and Dangerous Post Cold War World

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## **Business Day 17 August:**

**Gaza City:** *Probe Hamas attack* – Hamas led government bloody crackdown on extreme Islamist group left 24 dead in Southern Gaza town of Rafah.

**Helsinki:** *Ransom demand for Atlantic ship* – The Finish operator of the Arctic Sea..... received a ransom demand..... It was hijacked off the French coast in the English Channel.



**Seoul:** *North Korea “will wipe out” navies* - North Korea has denounced impending joint military exercises by South Korea and the US, and said it would “wipe them out” with nuclear weapons if they threatened it (North Korea), its KCNA news agency said yesterday.

**Minna:** *Nigeria cracks down on radical sect* - Police in the Western Nigerian state of Niger have raided an Islamic community and detained hundreds of its members, weeks after an uprising by a radical sect killed almost 800 in the remote Northeast.



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**Moscow:** Blast in Ingushetia stroke fears of war – A truck packed with explosives rammed through the gates of a police compound..... and exploded in an apparent suicide attack that killed at least 20 people and wounded dozens.....

**Peshawar:** Truck bomb blast kills seven in Pakistan – A bomb exploded in a truck at a petrol station in Northwestern Pakistan yesterday..... while the Taliban claimed responsibility for two weekend suicide attacks in a valley recently retaken by the army. Gunmen also assassinated the leader of a Sunni sectarian group, triggering rioting in three Southern cities.....



**Mogadishu:** Rebels attack UN compound – Suspected Islamist rebels attacked a UN World Food Programme compound in Southern Somalia. UN guards fought back and shot dead three of the assailants.....

**Bangkok:** At least 20 000 supporters of disposed Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra rallied in central Bangkok yesterday.....threatened to rekindle the political turmoil that has gripped the country since before Thaksin was ousted in a 2006 military coup.....

**Nouakchott:** Mauritania deploys troops – Mauritania will deploy 4 000 troops to the Sahara to secure the part of the desert that falls within its borders against radical Islamist groups.....forms part of agreement between military commanders from Mali, Niger, Mauritania and Algeria.

